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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM: TEODULO BLANCHARD AND CESAR
IVAN FERIS

1. EMBASSY PROPOSES ARCHITECTS TEODULO DE JESUS BLANCHARD PAULINO AND

CESAR IVAN FERIS IGLESIAS FOR 21-DAY IV GRANTS (URBAN PLANNERS -
RESTORATION).

2. BLANCHARD BORN JANUARY 18, 1942 IN SAN JUAN DE LA MAGUANA DR.
MARRIED, 2 CHILDREN. ADDRESS: CALLE IRA. NO. 37, LOS ARRECIFES,
SANTO DOMINGO. ARCHITECTURE DEGREE, AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF SANTO
DOMINGO (UASD), 1967. RESTORATION TECHNICIAN. PROFESSOR, RESTORATIO
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OF MONUMENTS, UASD. FORMERLY IN CHARGE OF CONSERVATION PROGRAM,
SANTO DOMINGO FORTRESS, AND RESTORATION OF SAN FELIPE FORTRESS,
PUERTO PLATA, DR. MEMBER, DOMINICAN COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTS AND
ENGINEERS. FOREIGN TRAVEL: COLOMBIA, 4 DAYS, 1973, OBSERVATION OF
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN CARTAGENA; SPAIN, 15 DAYS, 1973, TO STUDY
OLD MILITARY DOCUMENTS AND MUSEUM MATERIALS.

3. FERIS BORN APRIL 30, 1940 IN SAN PEDRO DE MACORIS DR. MARRIED,
2 CHILDREN. ADDRESS: (BOLIVAR ESQ. SOCORRO SANCHEZ, SANTO
DOMINGO. ARCHITECTURE DEGREE, UASD, 1964. DOCTOR IN ARCHITECTURE
DEGREE, UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA, ITALY, 1968. PROFESSOR, NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY PEDRO HENRIQUEZ URENA. DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERIOR
DESIGN. MEMBER, MONUMENTS COMMISSION. ADVISER, OFFICE OF CULTURAL
PATRIMONY. MEMBER, DOMINICAN COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS.
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FOREIGN TRAVEL: ITALY, 2 YEARS, 1967, UNIVERSITY STUDIES; SPAIN,

6 MONTHS, 1973, UNIVERSITY STUDIES; ISRAEL, 1 MONTH, 1973,
PROFESSIONAL MEETING.

4. GRANTEE ARE YOUNG ARCHITECT-CITY PLANNERS ENGAGED IN
BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS OF OLD SANTO DOMINGO FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PRESERVATION SPANISH HERITAGE. DR AND AREAS OF US SHARE COMMON
SPANISH COLONIAL HERITAGE. APPROACHING BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
WHICH EMPHASIZES VARIED US CULTURAL BACKGROUND PRESENTS UNUSUAL
OPPORTUNITY FOR POST TO INVITE LEADERS IN RESTORATION OF OLD SANTO
DOMINGO TO OBSERVE SIMILAR PROJECTS IN CALIFORNIA, THE SOUTHWEST,
FLORIDA AND PUERTO RICO, AND NON-SPANISH UNDERTAKINGS SUCH AS
WILLIAMSBURG, WITH ADDED POSSIBILITY OF PLANNING DOMINICAN
PARTICIPATION IN BICENTENNIAL.

5. GRANTEE DESIRE TO VISIT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS TO SEE COLLECTION
OF COLONIAL MAPS FOR POSSIBLE LOAN TO NEW MUSEO DE LAS CASAS REALES.
EMBASSY CONCURS, AND RECOMMENDS BRIEFING ON PLANS FOR BICENTENNIAL.

6. SUGGESTED ETA MAY 27. CLEARANCES IN PROGRESS. INTERPRETER
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